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SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Please find attached Applicants' statement regarding Substance of Interview conducted on August 21, 2009.

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The following is a summary of a telephonic interview between Examiner Max Shikhman with Applicants' representative, Michael Day, on August 21, 2009. Applicants thank the Examiner for his time and consideration.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

No exhibits or demonstrations were discussed.

Identification of Claims Discussed

No claims were discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

The content of the Prior Art relied on by the Examiner in the Final Office Action mailed April 14, 2009, particularly Tsuchiya and Nakajima, was discussed.

Proposed Amendments

No amendments were discussed.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Examiner's remarks in the Advisory Action mailed August 13, 2009 were discussed.

Results of Interview

Applicants will consider the Examiner's remarks during subsequent prosecution of the case

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If the Examiner believes that, for any reason, direct contact with Applicant's attorney would help advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below, for purposes of arranging for a telephonic interview. Any communication initiated by this paragraph should be deemed an Applicant-Initiated Interview.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the same to out Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

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